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THE LAW OF BY-LAWS OF PRIVATE CORPORATIONS. By LOUIS BOISOT, JR. Chicago: The United States Corporation Bureau, 1892.

This book of Mr. BOISOT can truthfully be said to be the only separate work devoted to the subject. LUMLEY ON BY-LAWS is an English work dealing almost exclusively with the by-laws of municipal or quasi-municipal corporations. The author of the book before us confines himself to the subject of the by-laws of private corporations. To those whose practice requires them to draw by-laws for private corporations, and who therefore desire to know the fundamental principles, this work will prove very useful. For Mr. BOISOT has given concisely and accurately the principles of the "nature of by-laws," their "form and enactment," their proper "subject-matter," and their "effect."

The chief merit of the work lies in what the author has refrained from doing, as much as in what he has done. He has confined himself to principles, not attempting, like too many modern legal writers, to incorporate into the text a digest of the conflicting legislative provisions of the different States. The author thus shows that he fully appreciates the fact, that in as far as the law depends on particular statutory provisions, the lawyer wants to go to the Act direct and not to a text-book. From the latter he only desires to acquire principles which he can apply to, and which will aid him in interpreting the statutory law of his State. The whole work shows care and thought throughout, and leads us to hope that the success, which it deserves, will lead the author to undertake other and more important work.

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